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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
GIBSON ET AL.
APPLICATION NO: 10/721,652
FILED: NOVEMBER 25, 2003
FOR: PREBIOTIC COMPOSITIONS

Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Vanik, David L.

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 24, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 24, 2005. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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